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Dear Ellen:

Kenneth Bollen and Arthur Richardson of MBR Anchor Tiedown Systems, Inc., paid us a visit today to explain their Expansion Washer or Shrinkage Mitigation Device.

Use of this Expansion Washer should resolve our concerns about the effect of wood shrinkage on holddown performance.

We await the next submittal of design drawings

Very truly yours,

DEGENKOLB ENGINEERS

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